

Emerging Technologies Subcommittee Recommendation to the  
Federal Communications Commission's  
Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age:

**Recommendation on Diversifying Ownership in the Commercial FM Radio Band**

October 4, 2004

The Subcommittee on Emerging Technologies proposes that the full Advisory Committee commend to the Commission, for the issuance of a notice or notices of proposed rulemaking, nine possible ways to foster ownership diversity in the commercial FM radio band (92.1 – 107.9 MHz), as outlined in the Subcommittee's June 11, 2004 Recommendation:

1. Create Medium Power FM Stations.
2. Replace the FM Table with Interference-Based Allotment Criteria
3. Allow Class A Stations to Use Low Towers and Higher-Than-Standard Power while Retaining Appropriate ERP Levels
4. Conduct a Comprehensive Channel Search for New FM Allotments
5. Harmonize Regional Interference Protection Standards
6. Repeal the Third-Adjacent FM Contour Rules
7. Relax the Community of License and Transmitter Site Rules
8. Authorize Interference Agreements
9. Require Same-Day Updates of Entitlements to Bidding Credits